

COUNTRY ROADS OF CROATIA

16 JUNE TO 29 JUNE 2018

DAY 1 – SAT 16 JUN 2018 - WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Transfers to your hotel depart from Zagreb Airport at 11:30 & 14:00. Relax and settle in or perhaps head for the romantic Chestnut-lined Stross Promenade for your first views over the city. Later, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception and an opportunity to get to know each other over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine.

Hotel: Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb

Meal: Welcome Reception and Dinner

DAY 2 – SUN 17 JUN 2018 - ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

(Relaxed Start) Join a Local Expert for sightseeing of the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Drive through the squares of the Lower Town to the cathedral. Then walk through the medieval Upper Town to see the Stone Gate, the colourful Church of St. Mark and Lotrščak Tower. The afternoon is at leisure, relax and enjoy your hotel's facilities or perhaps take an experience to the Zagorje region to learn about the local traditions and visit the house of Marshall Tito?

Hotel: Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

DAY 3 – MON 18 JUN 2018 - THE POSTOJNA CAVES AND ON TO BELLE-EPOQUE OPATIJA

Detour into Slovenia to visit the world-famous caves of Postojna. Aboard the cave train, descend into a subterranean world of stunning stalactites, stalagmites, columns and curtains. Be dazzled by the five-metre tall 'Brilliant' and come face-to-face with the eyeless, dragon-like human fish. Back in Croatia, your hotel is in the Belle Époque seaside resort of Opatija, nestled at the foot of Mount Učka. Take time to stroll by the luxurious villas along the tree-lined seafront promenade.

Hotel: Hotel Bristol, Opatija

Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

DAY 4 – TUE 19 JUN 2018 - DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA

Cross the heart-shaped peninsula to explore the jewels of Istria with a Local Expert. Start with a visit to the well-preserved first-century arena at Pula — scene of brutal gladiatorial battles in Roman times. The day's final highlight is a visit to the charming old town of Rovinj, rising directly from the sea. Wander through the cobbled streets lined with tempting shops, pastel-coloured bars and cafés.

Hotel: Hotel Bristol, Opatija

Meal: Buffet Breakfast



DAY 5 – WED 20 JUN 2018 - PRISTINE PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the scenery of the Adriatic coast in the morning - sparkling deep blue seas, studded with rocky islands, before heading inland to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Zig-zagging timber footbridges will lead you through the crystal blue-green beauty of Plitvice National Park; a scenic wonderland of 16 interconnecting lakes, flanked by waterfalls and primeval forest. With a Local Expert, visit Korana Canyon to see the 70-meters-high falls and spectacular panoramic views.

Hotel: Jezero Hotel, Plitvice

Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

DAY 6 – THU 21 JUN 2018 - THE DALMATIAN COAST TO SPLIT

The green forests give way to pebble-dashed shores lapped by turquoise waters. Witness a dramatic change in landscape, from lush green forests to Mediterranean olive groves on our way to Trogir, founded by the Greeks in 400BC. Admire the cathedral and Renaissance Čipiko Palace before continuing to the historic port of Split. 1,700 years ago, the Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace here and today it forms the nucleus of the old town. A Local Expert will lead you through the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares to see St. Duje's, (originally Diocletian's Mausoleum), the Temple of Jupiter (today, a baptistery) and the Golden Gate, before venturing underground. This evening, don't miss the opportunity of dinner in a traditional 'Konoba'.

Hotel: Hotel President, Solin

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

DAY 7 – FRI 22 JUN 2018 - ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR

Your island hopping adventure begins here! Cross the azure waters of the Adriatic to spend two nights on Hvar - the island famed for being the sunniest in the country, which is dotted with aromatic fields of lavender, rosemary and heather.

Hotel: Hotel Amfora, Hvar

Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

DAY 8 – SAT 23 JUN 2018 - EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR

(Relaxed Start) While here, you will have plenty of time to enjoy the secluded beaches, old monasteries, tiny fish restaurants and lofty peaks from where there are magnificent views over the island and bejewelled seas.

Hotel: Hotel Amfora, Hvar

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

DAY 9 – SUN 24 JUN 2018 - ON THE TRAIL OF MARCO POLO TO KORČULA

Journey to Korčula, an island of exceptional grace, history and culture. Perhaps, explore Korčula town with its ramparts and well-known legends.

Hotel: Liburna Hotel, Korcula

Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

DAY 10 – MON 25 JUN 2018 - CAPTIVATING KORČULA

(Relaxed Start) In the morning, your walking tour with a Local Expert takes you to the cathedral, the town museum and the Bishop's Palace. The locals also claim Marco Polo was born here and you will see his ruined house next. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the narrow streets, beautiful churches and magnificent palaces of this charming medieval town.

Hotel: Liburna Hotel, Korcula

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

DAY 11 – TUE 26 JUN 2018 - DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

(Relaxed Start) Journey to the beautiful southern slopes of the Pelješac peninsula. Stop amid the age-old vines to see how wine is produced and have a taste. Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik - 'paradise on earth' according to George Bernard Shaw. During your exceptional three-night stay, join a Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th century bastions of the old town. See Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace, as well as the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries.

Hotel: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

DAY 12 – WED 27 JUN 2018 - OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

(Relaxed Start) There is an optional experience to Montenegro. Start with Kotor, situated on the only fjord on the Adriatic coast. Capture forever on film one of the most beautiful parts of the bay, and learn some of the compelling history of this area. Then head to the picturesque town of Budva where lunch finds you. Return to Dubrovnik for an evening at leisure.

Hotel: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

DAY 13 – THU 28 JUNE 2018 - DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE

(Relaxed Start) Make the most of a day at leisure in this 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. Relax by the pool, shop in the markets or perhaps take an optional experience to Cavtat - one of the most enchanting seaside resorts in Croatia? During the evening Celebration Dinner, loosened in spirit and bonded by magical miles, expect a hubbub of clinking glasses, laughter and conversation. The food will be fragrant and fresh, the setting out of this world, and the memories unforgettable.

Hotel: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace

Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

DAY 14 – FRI 29 JUN 2018 - DUBROVNIK AIRPORT

Your tour draws to a close after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik Airport at 09:00 & 11:30.

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

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